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Hello Members of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee,
My name is Bonnie Sand. I am a resident of Bristol. I am in favor of expanding Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) to include state legislative and gubernatorial races for several reasons.

- 1). In 2016 the voters of Maine passed legislation approving RCV.
- 2). RCV gives Mainers who are not interested in the two party top of the tickets candidates a chance to express their opinions without causing a "spoiler" vote, ending up helping an opposing side.

Some facts to consider: in the past 13 races for governor, only 4 have been won by a majority. This means that in 9 of the last 13 elections the winner received less than 50% of the vote. Five of the last 13 winners actually received less than 40% of the vote.

Please support LD1666.

Thank you,
Bonnie Sand